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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 8458

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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID

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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS RUMORS ARE PERSISTENT IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS CIRCLES THAT VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL ATTEND ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR LAGOS AUGUST 22-26. OFFICIAL OF NATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR CONFERENCE EXPRESSED HOPE TO EMBOFFS JULY 27 THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD ATTEND IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE SINCERITY AND URGENCY OF U.S. SOUTH AFRICAN POLICY. IN ORDER TO AVOID RAISING FALSE HOPE, WHICH WHEN DASHED COULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT TO INFORM FMG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHO WILL REPRESENT USG AT CONFERENCE.

2. DURING JULY 28 CALL ON AMBASSADOR MUSA, WHO IS CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, EMBOFFS WERE UNABLE TO
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LEARN NAMES OF HIGH LEVEL DELEGATIONS OTHER THAN PRIME MINISTER OF NORWAY AND PRIME MINISTER OF GUYANA WHOSE ATTENDANCE HAD BEEN REPORTED PREVIOUSLY. MUSA DID SAY THAT FMG HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ACCEPTANCES FROM MANY HEADS OF STATES (HE EXPECTED SOME FROM FRONT-LINE STATES), BUT THAT "MANY" FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE COMING. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WOULD ATTEND.

3. IN ADDITION, MUSA HAD LIST OF TWENTTY-SEVEN PROMINENT PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN INVITED BY FMG. LIST INCLUDED WILLY BRANDT, OLAF PALME AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FIGURES. (ACTING UK HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD CHARGE THAT DAVID STEELE, LIBERAL PARTY LEADER, AND LORD CARDON, FORMER UK PERM REP AT UN, WERE ALSO INVITED.) AMERICANS ON LIST INCLUDED MRS. WHITNEY YOUNG, REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, MAYOR GIBSON OF NEWARK, REP. PARREN J. MITCHELL (D. MD.), REP. YVONNE BURKE BRATHWAITE (D. CAL.).

4. ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER ALSO SAID HE ASSUMED HE WOULD HEAD UK DELEGATION AND EXPECTED A MINISTER OF STATE WOULD BE INCLUDED. FRENCH DELEGATION REPORTEDLY WILL BE LED BY A ROVING AMBASSADOR. JAPANESE DELEGATION WILL BE SMALL, LED BY AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA AND INCLUDING "ONE OR TWO" DELEGATES FROM JAPAN.
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